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September 12, 1962 Wednesday

Under Secretary of the Interior Carr came to see me this morning, with another official from his Department. They had been in Siberia. He made interesting remarks on some of the gigantic Soviet hydro-electric developments they [redacted] saw. I also talked to him about the operations of the National Park Service, with the intention of later on discussing the eventual disposition of Belmont with Interior people.

I had a lunch at home for

Ambassador and Mrs. John Cabot
Mrs. Lewis Cabot (their daughter-in-law)
Mr. Julian Allen
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Knopf
Miss Baldridge

Alfred Knopf has been after John Cabot for some time to write a book. He made [redacted] progress during their meeting today. Blanche wants me also to do one for their firm, but I am not interested in the proposal.

This afternoon Jesse Laskey, Jr. and his wife called on me. They seem an engaging couple. He had intended to go into the Foreign Service, but his famous father was so embarrassed financially in 1932 that his son's intention was diverted to the moving picture business. They are now living here, about to finish a script on John Law, creator of "The Mississippi Bubble". They have found much interesting material in the British Museum, as well as a certain amount in Edinburgh. John Law was an unusual character. He saved no money himself out of his vast speculations, and died indigent in Venice, where he was buried.

Julian Allen came to see me, with Mr. Atkin, a youngish man, who has just been made head of the Morgan Guaranty Trust Company office in London. Atkin's father was a partner in J. P. Morgan & Co.

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relatively important duties, others, taking advantage of jet travel, are here for frivolous reasons.

They expressed general satisfaction with their two-week examination of the Embassy. They had formed a favorable opinion of our personnel and their performance of duties. They were familiar with the problems caused by the great proliferation of Government Agencies with representatives in the London area.

September 16, 1962 - Sunday

After an uneventful trip, arrived at Friendship Airport, Baltimore, at 4:45 local time. (The flight, because of the health examination stop in Philadelphia, takes about nine hours.)

Evangeline met me. I found all three children looking exceptionally brown and well after their Cape Cod sojourn. David has grown like a weed, and is now, at 14, only a few inches shorter than me.

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Charming Joan Braden is staying with us.

September 17, 1962 - Monday

The dislocation, caused by time differences, as always affected my sleep. I was up betimes, and we had a cheery family breakfast.

I went to the Department, lunched with Bill Tyler at the Metropolitan, burned off several telegrams to London, [redacted] walked back to Georgetown in time for dinner.

September 18, 1962 - Tuesday

Nicky left last night, unaccompanied, by plane for London. E is taking Sasha over to St. Timothy's today. Tomorrow, David sets off for Groton.

At the Department, I saw Bill Stearman, Bill Burdett and others concerned with UK affairs, including Bob Schaetzel. Then I lunched at the Metropolitan in good

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E and I went to the airport to see Secretary and Mrs. Rusk off to Lisbon. Previously, I talked with Burke Elbrick, here from Portugal to make the return journey with the Secretary, about the situation there. From a public relations and political standpoint, the feeling in Portugal against the United States is most unsatisfactory.

On the way back, I stopped at Kensington Palace to sign the book in connection with the birth yesterday of a son to the Duchess of Kent. This palace is beautiful. The quarters occupied by the financial secretary of Princess Marina, where the book was located, are enchanting.

Sasha and Terry Graham arrived this morning by plane from New York, to stay a month or more with us. We had cocktails tonight for Mr. and Mrs. Turner Catledge (Managing Editor, New York Times), Mr. and Mrs. Drew Middleton (Head of London Bureau, New York Times), James Beck, 3rd (youthful novelist), Lulu de Waldner, Eva Dahlgren (who runs the Ann Morgan establishments in Paris), the Duchess of Leinster, Lady Patsy Jellicoe, Baroness Homan (whom we had known in Bonn), Mr. and Mrs. Roper (he is in the Foreign Office, ~~was formerly stationed~~ in Washington, and is now married to the former Kay Eichholz, who used to have the Obelisk Gallery in Georgetown), and Al Wells.

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June 28, 1962 - Thursday

I went to the Antique Dealers' Fair this morning at Grosvenor House. This is the end of the annual exposition. There were literally hundreds of objects of exceptional merit, but the prices are tremendous. Many dealers say there has been an increase of 1000% in some categories over the last ten years.

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